

# 2019 CBC Study of Violence in Canadian Schools



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# Methodology

The present study was undertaken by Mission Research on behalf of the CBC. The major research objective was to evaluate young peoples' experiences with different forms of violence while attending school, from Kindergarten through to Grade 12.

Findings derive from a total of 4,065 online interviews with young Canadians aged 14 to 21.

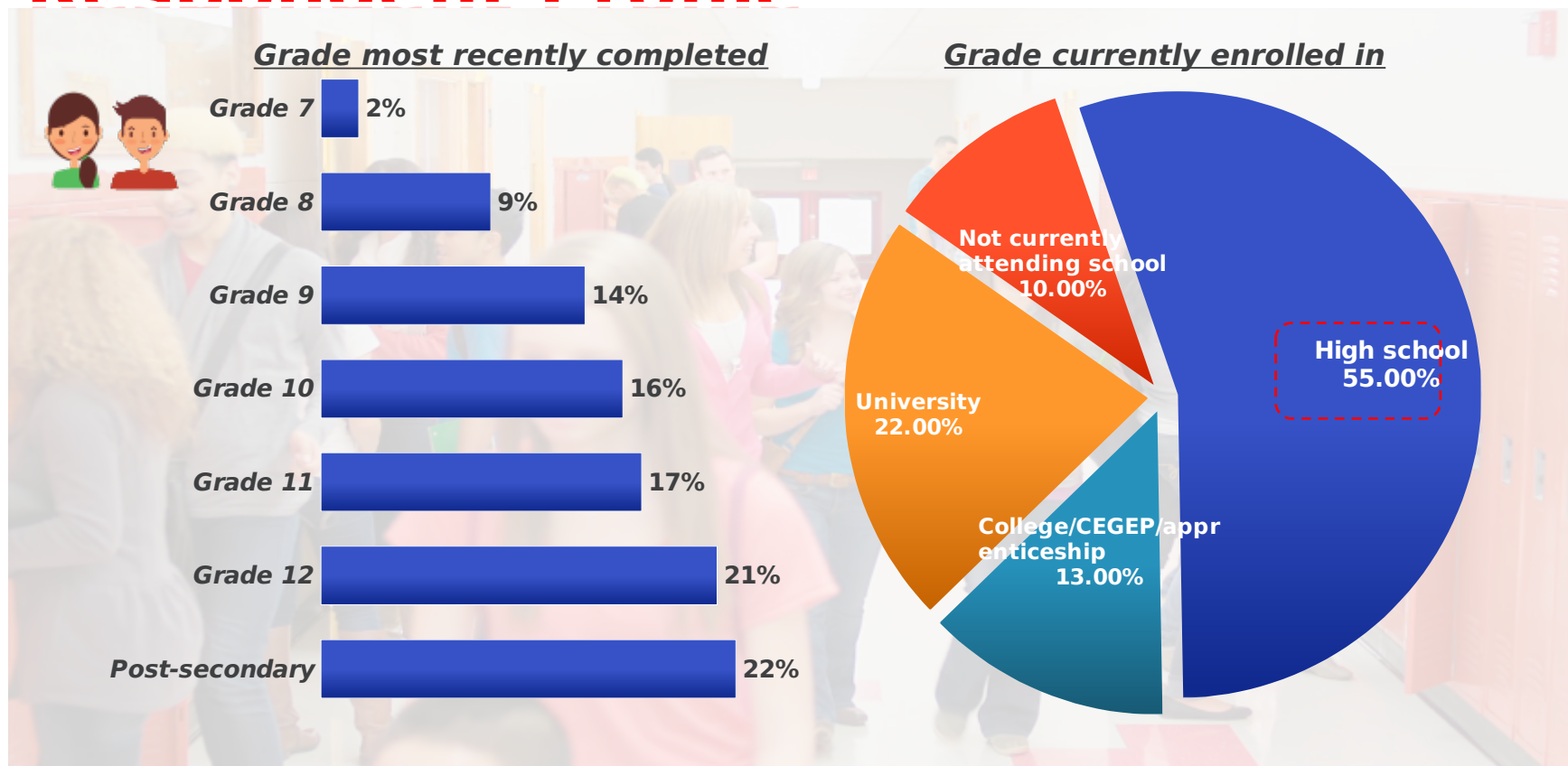
A corresponding probability sample of this size would yield a margin of error of **+/- 1.6** percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error is larger in stratified analyses due to smaller sample sizes.

Data were collected between August 26 and September 6, 2019. Data are weighted using the most recent 2016 Census figures from Statistics Canada to ensure results are representative of the Canadian population aged 14 to 21.

# Respondent Profile: Level of Education & Educational Activity



# General Educational Activity: Respondent Profile



Question: "What was the most recent grade you have completed?; Are you currently enrolled in any of the following as a full- or part-time student?" [n=4,065]

# Base Sizes of Demographic Groups


	OVERALL	14-17	18-21	Male	Female	Indigenous
<i>Base sizes (sample, n=)</i>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>2097</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>102</b>

	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Ontario - GTA	Ontario - Outside GTA	British Columbia	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta
<i>Base sizes (sample, n=)</i>	<b>320</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>1575</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>475</b>

# High School Experiences: Personal Harm & Harm to Others



# Violent Incidents Experienced: Regional Differences


<b><i>VIOLENT EVENT: EXPERIENCED =&gt; ONCE</i></b>	 <b>OVERALL</b>	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario GTA	Ontario Non-GTA	Prairies	BC
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments</i></b>	<b>57%</b>	61%	52%	55%	58%	63%	58%
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are racist</i></b>	<b>36%</b>	29%	31%	45%	32%	40%	38%
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence</i></b>	<b>36%</b>	40%	35%	37%	36%	37%	36%
<b><i>Physically assaulted (slapped, kicked, bitten)</i></b>	<b>36%</b>	38%	35%	38%	32%	39%	38%
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are homophobic or transphobic</i></b>	<b>23%</b>	26%	19%	26%	21%	26%	25%
<b><i>Had money or other items of value stolen from you</i></b>	<b>31%</b>	33%	19%	36%	31%	35%	36%
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence involving a weapon</i></b>	<b>18%</b>	17%	12%	21%	17%	20%	18%

 Denotes percentage significantly higher than comparator group(s).  Denotes percentage significantly lower than comparator group(s).

Question: "Thinking specifically about your current or past experiences while attending high school (specifically, grade 9 through to grade 12) how many times did you personally experience harm from another student, or group of students, either face to face or online (e.g., Snapchat, Instagram, text) in each of the following ways?" [n=4,065]



# Violent Incidents Experienced: Prairie Provinces

<b><i>VIOLENT EVENT: EXPERIENCED =&gt; ONCE</i></b>	 <b>OVERALL</b>	<b>Manitoba</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Alberta</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments</i></b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are racist</i></b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence</i></b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b><i>Physically assaulted (slapped, kicked, bitten)</i></b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are homophobic or transphobic</i></b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b><i>Had money or other items of value stolen from you</i></b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence involving a weapon</i></b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>

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# Elementary & Middle School: Personal Harm & Harm to Others



# Violent Incidents Experienced: Regional Differences

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<b><u>VIOLENT EVENT: EXPERIENCED =&gt; ONCE</u></b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>Quebec</b>	<b>Ontario GTA</b>	<b>Ontario Non-GTA</b>	<b>Prairies</b>	<b>BC</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments</i></b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b><i>Physically assaulted (slapped, kicked, bitten)</i></b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence</i></b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are racist</i></b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are homophobic or transphobic</i></b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>21</b>
<b><i>Had money or other items of value stolen from you</i></b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence involving a weapon</i></b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>13%</b>

54% Denotes percentage significantly higher than comparator group(s). 17% Denotes percentage significantly lower than comparator group(s).

Question: "Thinking specifically about your current or past experiences while attending elementary and middle school (the period from kindergarten to grade 8) how many times did you personally experience harm from another student, or group of students, either face to face or online (e.g., Snapchat, Instagram, text) in each of the following ways?" [n=4,065].

# Violent Incidents Experienced: Prairie Provinces

<b><i>VIOLENT EVENT: EXPERIENCED =&gt; ONCE</i></b>	<b><i>OVERALL</i></b>	<b><i>Manitoba</i></b>	<b><i>Saskatchewan</i></b>	<b><i>Alberta</i></b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments</i></b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b><i>Physically assaulted (slapped, kicked, bitten)</i></b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b><i>Threatened with physical violence</i></b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are racist</i></b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b><i>Called hateful names or comments that are homophobic or transphobic</i></b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b><i>Had money or other items of value stolen from you</i></b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>
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# Sexual Violence: Personal Harm & Harm to Others



# Sexual Violence Experienced: Regional Differences


 <b>SEXUAL VIOLENCE: EXPERIENCED =&gt; ONCE</b>	 <b>OVERALL</b>	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario GTA	Ontario Non-GTA	Prairies	BC
<b>Unwanted sexual comments (rude or hurtful comments about your body or sexuality)</b>	29%	31%	24%	29%	27%	31%	32%
<b>Others sharing sexual rumours or messages about you</b>	24%	29%	20%	23%	23%	29%	26%
<b>Unwanted sexual contact (e.g., inappropriate touching or grabbing of your body or clothing)</b>	20%	22%	14%	21%	18%	25%	22%
<b>Have experienced a sexual act forced upon you</b>	12%	10%	10%	12%	13%	15%	14%

  Denotes percentage significantly higher than comparator group(s).
   Denotes percentage significantly lower than comparator group(s).

Question: "Thinking specifically about your experiences while attending school (including all of kindergarten through to grade 12) how many times have you personally experienced each of the following from another student, or group of students?" ; Has another student or group of students ever forced a sexual act upon you against your will including oral sex, touching your breasts, genitals, or forcing you to touch them in a sexual manner?" [n=4,065]



# Sexual Violence Experienced: Prairie Provinces

<b><i><u>VIOLENT EVENT: EXPERIENCED =&gt; ONCE</u></i></b>	 <b>OVERALL</b>	<b>Manitoba</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Alberta</b>
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<b><i>Have experienced a sexual act forced upon you</i></b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17%</b>

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Question: "Thinking specifically about your experiences while attending school (including all of kindergarten through to grade 12) how many times have you **personally experienced** each of the following from another student, or group of students?"; Has another student or group of students ever forced a sexual act upon you against your will including oral sex, touching your breasts, genitals, or forcing you to touch them in a sexual manner?" [n=4,065]